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In the absence of Mr. Rosenthal (Guatemala), Mr. Kelapile (Botswana), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 134: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (*continued*) (A/55/874 and A/55/925)

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to the Secretary-General's report containing the financial performance report of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) for the period from 1 December 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/55/925). He recalled that the Controller had introduced the subject in his statement at the Committee's 58th meeting and that UNTAET was one of four peacekeeping operations for which budgets had not yet been submitted.

2. **Mr. Mselle** (Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) recalled that, in his statement at the Committee's 58th meeting, he had indicated that the Advisory Committee's report on the Secretary-General's report on UNTAET would be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. He had also indicated, however, that the Assembly should take action at the current session with respect to the unencumbered balance of $57,989,900 for the period ending 30 June 2000. That figure was contained in annex I of the Advisory Committee's report (A/55/874). However, in the Secretary-General's report, the amount appeared as $57,990,000 gross. Since the latter figure represented the audited amount, it should be used for the purpose of determining the amounts to be credited to Member States.

3. With respect to the interim financing of UNTAET for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, the Advisory Committee had indicated, in paragraph 10 (d) of its report, that $282 million gross should be appropriated and assessed to cover the Mission's needs for that six-month period. With respect to the Secretary-General's request concerning the application of special arrangements with regard to article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations (A/55/925, para. 16), the Advisory Committee would report on the issue in connection with the report which it would submit at the fifty-sixth session on cost estimates for UNTAET for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002.

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Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission (*continued*) (A/55/928)

4. **The Chairman** recalled that the Secretary-General's report on proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who were elected by the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs (A/55/928), had been introduced at the Committee's 64th meeting.

5. **Mr. Nesser** (Sweden), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that he shared the position expressed at the Committee's 64th meeting by the delegations of Canada and the United States of America that the issue should be postponed until the comments of the group of special rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights had been received.

6. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee wished to request its secretariat to prepare a draft decision whereby the Committee would recommend that the General Assembly should defer its consideration of the report on the proposed regulations for senior officials (A/55/928) to its fifty-sixth session.

7. **Mr. Nakkari** (Syrian Arab Republic) said that, although he did not object to that suggestion, he would like to make a statement on the issue before it was deferred.

8. **The Chairman** said that, at the Committee's next meeting, the Syrian delegation could make a statement on the matter, after which the Committee would adopt the relevant draft decision.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.